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Senate to Honor CHP Team for Walnut Creek Canal Rescue

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An Officer and helicopter pilot with the California Highway Patrol will be honored by the State Senate for their role in rescuing a woman from the rushing Walnut Creek waterway after a car crash that killed her son and husband.

Officer Shaun Boueya and pilot Jason Hertzell were in CHP Helicopter 30 on April 11 and, along with Contra Costa Fire District rescue swimmer Dae Manzeck, plucked 74-year-old Walnut resident Janet Hogan from the water to safety.

Bouyea and Hertzell will receive a Senate Award at the State Capitol in Sacramento in a Thursday morning ceremony, the CHP said.

Hogan was in a car on San Miguel Drive when she said her son, 40-year-old Tim Hogan, appeared to suffer a seizure and steered the vehicle into a bypass canal, where it overturned. Both Janet Hogan and her husband, 79-year-old James Hogan, were swept away by waters swelled by recent rains.

Janet Hogan was rescued about three miles away near Treat Boulevard and Cherry Lane. Tim Hogan, who never got out of the car, was pronounced dead at the scene. The body of James Hogan was found five days later near Buchanan airport.